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1. Det. "A" A-1019
2. Conclusions:
 - (a) Poor results. (See par 4 (i)).
 - (b) Normal photographic reconnaissance mapping mission.
 - (c) See remarks (par 4 (i)).
 - (d)
3. Supply support
 - (a) Base facilities adequate.
 - (b) Target data not available.
 - (c) Internal security adequate.
 - (d) Coordination with ADC not applicable.
 - (e) Negative.
4. Effects on mission:
 - (A) Aircraft maintenance and supply excellent.
 - (b) Communications good. Some improvement in transmission speeds.
 - (c) Photographic equipment poor. Malfunction of Tracker. (9 1/2 inch film results unknown).
 - (d) Cloud cover would have prevented accomplishment of the entire area had camera failure not occurred.
 - (e) Navigation unknown. Tracker film not available for entire mission.
 - (f) Flight planning excellent.
 - (g) Flight following slow but adequate in the United States. (See previous comments on this subject).
 - (h) Normal photographic reconnaissance and mapping tactics.
 - (i) This aircraft was turned around for this mission immediately after a test hop of two hours. During the test hop the aircraft became cold soaked and was covered with frost upon landing. The camera bay was wet from condensation as was the viewfinder. It is highly recommended that an aircraft not be used for a mission immediately after an altitude test hop. It has not been

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definitely determined that the Tracker malfunction was due to moisture in the camera bay, but it is again recommended that a heater-blower be installed in the camera-equipment bay to prevent condensation from shorting any wiring and from forming moisture that will freeze in the viewfinder, Tracker, and sextant bubbles. The pilot saw what he described as snow flakes in his viewfinder. This is attributed to the frost that formed in the viewfinder bubble after he returned to altitude.

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Annex:

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